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SUBJECT: UNCTAD TDB XIV: RESOLUTIONS ON STRENGTHENING UNCTAD AND
COMMODITY PROBLEMS AND POLICIES

REF: (A) GENEVA 5797; (B) GENEVA 5586; (C) GENEVA 5796

SUMMARY: CONTACT GROUP CONSIDERATION ON STRENGTHENING
UNCTAD AND COMMODITIES RESOLUTION CONCLUDED SEPTEMBER 13
WITH AGREED TEXTS. USDEL, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED,
INTENDS TO JOIN THE CONSENSUS ON THESE RESOLUTIONS ABOUT
CLOSE OF BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON SEPT. 13.

1. AGREEMENT REACHED ON FIFTH PREAMBULAR PARA OF
STRENGTHENING UNCTAD RESOLUTION SEPT. 13 CONCLUDING
AGREEMENT ON ENTIRE TEXT PREVIOUSLY AGREED TEXT SENT
REFTEL (A). U.S. DELEGATION ACCEPTED "IN LIGHT OF" AT
REQUEST OF ANOTHER GROUP B DEL WHO CONSIDERED "TAKING
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ACCOUNT OF" TOO STRONG. FIFTH PREAMBULAR PARA AS

AGREED QUOTED BELOW:

"CONVINCED OF THE NEED AND URGENCY TO STRENGTHEN THE ACTIVITIES OF UNCTAD IN THE FIELD OF COMMODITIES IN THE LIGHT OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER."

2. AGREEMENT CONCLUDED ON RESOLUTION ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS AND POLICIES GROUP OF 77 TEXT (SENT REFTEL (B)) SEPT 13. PARAS PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO SENT REFTEL (C). AGREED LAST OPERATIVE PARA ON INDEXATION QUOTED BELOW: "REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNCTAD, IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED, INTER ALIA THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO SUBMIT FURTHER STUDIES ON INDEXATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES AT ITS EIGHTH SESSION IN ORDER TO REACH A FULLER ASSESSMENT OF THE SUBJECT INCLUDING ITS FEASIBILITY, PRACTICALITY AND EFFECTS."

3. JAPANESE AND FRG DELS UNCERTAIN WHETHER THEY WILL OBTAIN APPROVAL TO FORMALLY AGREE ON INDEXATION PARA QUOTED ABOVE BECAUSE OF WORD "INCLUDING." JAPANESE DEL STATED THAT JAPAN COULD GO ALONG WITH PARA IF FRG CAN ACCEPT. THESE DELS EXPLAINED THAT STUDIES SHOULD CONCENTRATE SOLELY ON FEASIBILITY AND EFFECT. U.S. DEL CONSIDERS AGREED TEXT MEETS U.S. NEEDS.

4. AGREEMENT ON PREAMBULAR PARAS AS STATED BELOW:

A) FIRST THROUGH FIFTH PREAMBULAR PARAS REMAIN UNCHANGED FROM GROUP OF 77 TEXT SENT REFTEL (B).

B) SIXTH PREAMBULAR PARA DEALING WITH RESULTS OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS DELETED.

C) SEVENTH PREAMBULAR PARA ON INDEXATION STUDY REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM GROUP OF 77 TEXT.

D) EIGHTH PREAMBULAR PARA AGREED TEXT READS "HAVING CONSIDERED THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSALS CONTAINED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN THE DOCUMENT TD/B/498 ENTITLED "AN OVERALL INTEGRATED PROGRAM OF COMMODITIES."

E) NINTH, TENTH AND ELEVENTH PREAMBULAR PARAS NOW REPLACED BY ONE AGREED PARA AS FOLLOWS: "CONVINCED OF THE URGENCY OF FINDING EXPEDITIOUS SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF WORLD TRADE IN COMMODITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BY IMPROVING

PRESENT MECHANISMS AND FORMULATING NEW APPROACHES, AS
APPROPRIATE."

5. AGREEMENT ON LAST PREAMBULAR PARA PROVED DIFFICULT
AND CONCESSIONS MADE BY BOTH GROUP OF 77 AND GROUP B.
HOWEVER, U.S. DEL BELIEVES SUFFICIENTLY
GENERAL AND ADEQUATELY QUALIFIED BY "AS APPROPRIATE" TO
BE ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. DALE

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